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SUBJECT: CSCE/CBMS: ALLIED NOTIFICATION AND INVITATIONS
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SUMMARY: IN PRIVATE MEETING OF INTERESTED REPS AND AT
AUGUST 2 MEETING, POLADS DISCUSSED:

- (A) STANDARDIZATION OF NOTIFICATION FORMATS
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- (B) US NOTIFICATION OF CARBON EDGE
- (C) FRG NOTIFICATION OF STANDHAFTE CHATTEN AND
CARBON EDGE
- (D) BELGIAN NOTIFICATION OF BLUE FOX

- (E) AVON EXPRESS

ACTION REQUESTED: IF POSSIBLE BY AUGUST 9, GUIDANCE ON PARAS 2, 3, 4 AND 5 BELOW. END SUMMARY.

1. IN RESPONSE TO SUGGESTION OF FRG REP, WHO NOTED SOME VARIATIONS IN LANGUAGE OF DRAFT NOTIFICATIONS, INTERESTED POLADS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT INTERNATIONAL STAFF PROVIDE COMPILATION OF ALL ALLIED NOTIFICATIONS AND INVITATIONS ISSUED TO DATE. POLADS WILL REVIEW THESE IN EFFORT TO DEVELOP A STANDARD DRAFT FORMAT FOR CONSIDERATION IN CAPITALS.

2. IN THIS REGARD SOME POLADS HAVE SUGGESTED REVISING US NOTIFICATION OF CARBON EDGE (REF B) TO BRING IT MORE IN LINE WITH TEXTS USED BY US LAST YEAR FOR SUCH MANEUVERS AS TARES TEAM, GORDON SHIELD, GROSSE BAER, AND BONDED ITEM, AS WELL AS US NOTIFICATION OF CERTAIN FIGHTER (REF E). ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORIZATION TO CIRCULATE TO POLADS, REVISED DRAFT TEXT BELOW.

3. FRG AND FEW OTHER REPS SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO INCLUDE IN NOTIFICATIONS INFORMATION ON "ABSENCE FROM GARRISONS", AS FRG HAS DONE IN ITS NOTIFICATION OF STANDHAFTE CHATTEN. FRG REP HOPED THE EAST MIGHT EVENTUALLY FOLLOW WESTERN EXAMPLE, AND BELIEVED CONFIDENTIAL

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SUCH INFORMATION WOULD BE USEFUL, PARTICULARLY IF ABSENCE FROM GARRISONS WAS SUBSTANTIALLY LONGER THAN PERIOD OF MANEUVER. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON'S VIEWS ON THIS SUGGESTION.

4. FRG REP MADE MINOR AMENDMENTS TO PROPOSED FRG NOTIFICATION OF STANDHAFTE CHATTEN (REF D) CHANGING, FOR EXAMPLE, "EXERCISE" TO MANEUVER" THROUGHOUT TO CORRESPOND WITH NORMAL ALLIED PRACTICE. FRG REP CONFIRMED AFTER CHECKING WITH HIS AUTHORITIES, THAT TOTAL TROOP STRENGTH FOR STANDHAFTE CHATTEN WILL BE 38,000. (HE ACCEPTED 59,000 FOR CARBON EDGE AND AMENDED FRG NOTIFICATION ACCORDINGLY). RE PARA 3 (REF A), FRG REP SAID "CHATTEN" IS CORRECT SPELLING". CHATTEN WAS A GERMANIC TRIBE (THE HESSIANS). REVISED FRG DRAFT NOTIFICATIONS OF STANDHAFTE CHATTEN AND CARBON EDGE ARE TRANSMITTED BELOW. ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT REVISED FRG NOTIFICATIONS.

5. BELGIAN REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES HAD DECIDED NOT TO INVITE OBSERVERS TO "BLUE FOX", FRG REP WELCOMED THIS DECISION SINCE, HE NOTED, OBSERVERS WOULD BE

INVITED TO THREE OTHER ALLIED MANEUVERS IN SHORT
TIME FRAME. BELGIAN REP CIRCULATED DRAFT NOTIFICATION
OF BLUE FOX, TRANSMITTED BELOW. ACTION REQUESTED:
AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT BELGIAN DRAFT.

6. UK REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES HAD DECIDED NOT TO
NOTIFY AVON EXPRESS, SINCE TOTAL FORCES INVOLVED
WOULD BE ABOUT 7,500.

7. POLADS RECALLED THAT CIRCULATION OF NOTIFICATIONS
AT NATO SERVED AS NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVERS TO ALLIES.

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BEGIN TEXT OF DRAFT US NOTIFICATION OF CARBON EDGE:

(COMPLIMENTARY OPENING) AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRO-
VISIONS FOR THE PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR MILITARY
MANOEUVRES SET OUT IN THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON
SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, HAS THE HONOUR TO MAKE
NOTIFICATION OF THE MULTINATIONAL MANOEUVRE CARBON EDGE TO
TAKE PLACE FROM SEPTEMBER 13 TO 23, 1977, IN SOUTHWEST
BAVARIA AND THE SWABIA REGION OF SOUTHEAST BADEN-
WUERTTEMBERG IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. THE
MANOEUVRE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE "AUTUMN

FORGE" EXERCISE SERIES - A COORDINATED SERIES OF REGULAR NATIONAL/MULTINATIONAL FIELD TRAINING AND COMMAND POST EXERCISES BEING CONDUCTED BY CERTAIN MEMBERS OF NATO.

NAME OF THE MANOEUVRE: "CARBON EDGE"
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GENERAL DESCRIPTION: OPPOSING-FORCES GROUND MANOEUVRE,
- SUPPORTED BY AN AIR EXERCISE.

PURPOSE OF MANOEUVRE: TEST OF NATO-FORCES ABILITY TO
- COOPERATE TOGETHER DURING SIMULA-
- TED WARTIME CONDITIONS. EXAMINA-
- TION OF PROCEDURES OF JOINT-LOGIS-
- TICAL SUPPORT, JOINT COMMUNICATION
- AND STANDARDIZATION OF DOCTRINES,
- PROCEDURES, AND EQUIPMENT.

TIME OF THE MANOEUVRE: 13TH TO 23RD SEPTEMBER 1977

MANOEUVRE AREA: SOUTHWEST BAVARIA AND SWABIA
- REGION OF SOUTHWEST BADEN-
- WUERTTEMBERG

COMMAND LEVEL: COMMANDER, CENTRAL ARMY GROUP

UNITS PARTICIPATING: VII US CORPS, ONE ARMORED BRIGADE
- OF THE BUNDESWEHR, ONE MECHANIZED
- CANADIAN BRIGADE AND BRITISH,
- NETHERLANDS AND BELGIAN UNITS;
- AIR SUPPORT WILL BE PROVIDED BY
- ELEMENTS OF THE TACTICAL AIR
- FORCES
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TOTAL NUMBER OF MILITARY APPROXIMATELY 59,000, INCLUDING
PERSONNEL INVOLVED: TROOPS TRANSPORTED TO EUROPE
- IN THE REFORGER MOVEMENT.

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BEGIN TEXT OF FRG NOTIFICATIONS:

A. TEXT OF THE NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVER "STANDHAFTE CHATTEN":

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS FOR THE PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR MILITARY MANEUVERS SET OUT IN THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, DATED 1. 8. 1975, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY HAS THE HONOR TO NOTIFY THE MANEUVER "STANDHAFTE CHATTEN". THIS MANEUVER, IN WHICH ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES WILL TAKE PART IN ADDITION TO UNITS OF THE BUNDESWEHR, WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY FROM 12TH TO 15TH SEPTEMBER 1977. THE MANEUVER WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE "AUTUMN FORGE" EXERCISE SERIES - A COORDINATED SERIES OF REGULAR NATIONAL/MULTINATIONAL FIELD TRAINING AND COMMAND POST EXERCISES BEING CONDUCTED BY CERTAIN MEMBERS OF NATO.

NAME OF THE MANEUVER: "STANDHAFTE CHATTEN";

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: FIELD MANEUVER OF THE LAND FORCES, COMPRISING TWO PARTIES WITH AIR SUPPORT;

PURPOSE OF THE MANEUVER: OPERATIONS AT DIVISIONAL LEVEL; COMMAND AND CONTROL OF MAJOR UNITS AND INTERACTION OF COMBINED ARMS IN RAPIDLY CHANGING SITUATIONS;

TIME OF THE MANEUVER: 12TH TO 15TH SEPTEMBER 1977;

MANEUVER AREA: BRILON - KASSEL - BAD HERSFELD - SIEGEN - PLETTENBERG;

COMMAND LEVEL: III GERMAN CORPS;

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UNITS PARTICIPATING: 2ND LIGHT INFANTRY DIVISION, 5TH ARMORED DIVISION, PARTS OF NO. 26 AIRBORNE BRIGADE, PARTS OF THE CORPS SUPPORT AND SUPPLY UNITS, ONE US BRIGADE; AIR SUPPORT WILL BE PROVIDED BY ELEMENTS OF THE TACTICAL AIR FORCES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE MULTINATIONAL MANEUVER "COLD FIRE 77", WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE SIMULTANEOUSLY;

TOTAL NUMBER OF MILITARY PERSONNEL INVOLVED: 38,000, INCLUDING COMMAND PERSONNEL AND UMPIRE SERVICES;

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ABSENCE FROM GARRISONS: THE GROUND FORCE UNITS WILL LEAVE THEIR GARRISONS BETWEEN 5TH AND 12TH SEPTEMBER; THE BULK OF THEM WILL RETURN BY 18TH SEPTEMBER.

B. TEXT OF THE NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVER "CARBON EDGE":
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WITH REFERENCE TO THE FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE CSCE DATED 1ST AUGUST 1975, ESPECIALLY THE DOCUMENT ON CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES AND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY HAS THE HONOR TO NOTIFY THE MANEUVER "CARBON EDGE".

IN ADDITION TO AMERICAN AND OTHER ALLIED UNITS, AN ARMORED BRIGADE OF THE BUNDESWEHR WILL TAKE PART. A TOTAL OF ABOUT 59,000 MILITARY PERSONNEL, INCLUDING US-TROOPS TRANSPORTED TO EUROPE IN THE REFORGER MOVEMENT, WILL BE INVOLVED.

THE MANEUVER WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EXERCISE SERIES "AUTUMN FORGE 77" IN THE "SCHWABISCHE ALB" AND IN BAVARIA FROM 13TH TO 23RD SEPTEMBER 1977. DETAILS ON THE PURPOSE AND THE COMMAND LEVEL OF THE MANEUVER WILL BE CONTAINED IN THE NOTIFICATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

END TEXT.

BEGIN TEXT OF
DRAFT BELGIAN NOTIFICATION OF "BLUE FOX"

NOTE A REMETTRE AUX CAPITALES DES PAYS SIGNATAIRES

DE L'ACTE FINAL, LE 22 AOUT 1977.

(FORMULE DE COURTOISIE).

SE REFERANT AUX DISPOSITIONS DE L'ACTE FINAL
DE LA CONFERENCE SUR LA SECURITE ET LA COOPERATION EN
EUROPE, QUI SE RAPPORTENT AUX MESURES DE CONFIANCE
ET A CERTAINS ASPECTS DE LA SECURITE ET DU DESARMEMENT,
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LE GOUVERNEMENT BELGE A L'HONNEUR DE NOTIFIER LA
MANOEUVRE BLUE FOX.

CETTE MANOEUVRE, A LAQUELLE PARTICIPERONT, OUTRE
DES UNITES BELGES, DES UNITES DES FORCES ARMEES DE
LA REPUBLIQUE FEDERALE ALLEMANDE ET DES ETATS-UNIS,
AURA LIEU DU 12 AU 23 SEPTEMBER SUR LE TERRITOIRE
DE LA REPUBLIQUE FEDERALE ALLEMANDE. DES RENSEIGNE-
MENTS RELATIFS A CET EXERCICE SONT REPRIS CI-DESSOUS:

- NOM DE L'EXERCICE: "BLUE FOX".

- DESCRIPTION ET BUT DE L'EXERCICE: MANOEUVRES
SUR LE TERRAIN DE FORCES OPPOSEES; ENTRAINEMENT DES UNITES
PARTICIPANTES A DES OPERATIONS DE CARACTERE REALISTE;
TEST ET AMELIORATION DES PROCEDURES DE COOPERATION
AVEC LES ALLIES.

- EFFECTIFS ENGAGES: ENVIRON 24.000 HOMMES.

- LIMITES DE LA MANOEUVRE:

- NORD: MUNSTER, BIELEFELD, HILDESHEIM.
- EST: OUEST HARZ-GEHINGE.
- SUD: GOTTINGEN, BORGENTREICH, SOEST.
- OUEST: SOEST, MUNSTER.

- UNITES MISES EN OEUVRE:

- EM 1(BE) DIV, 17 (BE)B1 BDE, 3 (US) MEC BDE.
- 4 (BE) INF B1 BDE, 20 (RFA) B1 BDE.
- REGT. PARA-CDO (BE), 4 (RFA) JG BDE.

- NIVEAU DU COMMANDEMENT: 1 (BE) CORPS.

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